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RECLAMATION AND REVEGETATION.

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED 4-18-78
TO DR. M. P. GRISHAEV, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY
TO KAZAKOV, HYDROMET.

2. 02.05-31 4-18-78

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DEAR MIKHAIL PETROVICH:

IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT
COMMITTEE IT WAS INDICATED THAT US AND SOVIET SPECIALISTS
ON RECLAMATION WOULD EXCHANGE VISITS IN THE THIRD OR
FOURTH QUARTER OF 1978. IT WAS FURTHER INDICATED THAT

EXACT DATES FOR THE VISITS WILL BE CLARIFIED THROUGH

CORRESPONDENCE NO LATER THAN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. IN THE MEANTIME,
WE PROPOSE THAT 4-5 SOVIET SPECIALISTS VISIT THE U.S.
13-28 JUNE. A RECIPROCAL VISIT OF 4-5 U.S. SPECIALISTS
COULD TAKE PLACE 15 JULY - 1 AUGUST. PLEASE LET US KNOW
NO LATER THAN 5 MAY IF THESE DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

THE US SIDE TENTATIVELY PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

13 JUNE - ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

14 JUNE - TRAVEL TO GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA.

15 JUNE - ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR ENERGY AND
THE ECOSYSTEM.

16 JUNE - CONGRESS FIELD TOUR.

17 JUNE - MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA; VISIT AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH SERVICE TO REVIEW RESEARCH THAT IS IN PROGRESS
ON RECLAIMED LAND THAT HAS BEEN RETURNED TO FARMING.

18 JUNE - COLSTRIP, MONTANA, ROSEBUD MINE. REVIEW
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS ON RECLAIMED LAND, HYDROLOGY STUDIES
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AND LIVESTOCK GRAZING STUDIES. OBSERVE RESULTS OF
SURFACE MANIPULATION AS IT AFFECTS RECLAMATION.

19 JUNE - BOZEMAN, MONTANA; MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY.
REVIEW VARIOUS RESEARCH PROGRAMS, I.E., SOILS, HYDROLOGY,
VEGETATION EQUIPMENT.

20 JUNE - TOUR OF YELLOWSTONE PARK.

21 JUNE - TRAVEL TO DENVER. OVERNIGHT IN DENVER.

22 JUNE - TRAVEL TO SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS. VISIT PITTS-
BURGH AND MIDWAY COAL COMPANY. OBSERVE RESULTS OF LARGE
RECLAIMED AREAS THAT ARE RETURNED TO FARMING. OBSERVE
NEW CONCEPTS FOR EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT.

23 JUNE - TRAVEL TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. VISIT ARGONNE
NATIONAL LABORATORY. REVIEW RESEARCH IN PROGRESS ON
RECLAIMED LAND RETURNED TO FARMING.

24 JUNE - ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY.

25 JUNE - TRAVEL TO MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA. OBSERVE SEVERAL MINING AREAS THAT ARE RECLAIMED. REVIEW RECLAMATION RESEARCH PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA. DISCUSS CLASSIFICATION OF DISTURBED LAND; FAMILIARIZATION WITH CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA.

THREE SOVIET SPECIALISTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PRESENT PAPERS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR ENERGY AND THE ECOSYSTEM. SHOULD THE SOVIET SIDE AGREE, THE CONGRESS SUGGESTS THAT 35 MM SLIDES ACCOMPANY THE TEXT WHERE POSSIBLE.

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PRESENT PAPERS TO THE CONGRESS. WE UNDERSTAND THE SOVIET SIDE WAS CONSIDERING SUBMITTING PAPERS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS ON THESE SUBJECTS: RESTABILIZATION OF ECOSYSTEMS DISTURBED BY MINING OF BROWN COAL; INCORPORATING CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES WHILE MINING COAL; PRINCIPLES APPROACH AND METHOD TO RECULTIVATION OF SURFACE

COAL MINED LAND. PAPERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN ENGLISH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RAISA SRIABINE, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY, MOSCOW. IN ADDITION, PLEASE SEND ITINERARY FOR VISIT BY U.S. SPECIALISTS TO USSR. SINCERELY, DON CALHOUN. CHRISTOPHER

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